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**RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION DATED JUNE 16, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Communication dated June 16, 2006, for which the one-month date for response is July 16, 2006, there are no co-pending applications that set forth similar subject matter to the present claims.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2108.002800.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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